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E.O. 11652:N/A
TAGS:ETRD,BE,US
SUBJECT: USITC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON TRADE IN AUTOMOBILES

REF: STATE 106667

1.SHIPMENTS OFAUTOMOBILES TO THE US.FROM THE THREE ASSEMBLY PLANTS HERE (I.E.,GM,FORD AND VOLVO)HAVE BEEN IRREGULAR IN RECENT YEARS.THIS APPEARS TO BE DUE TO SHIFTING MARKET STRATEGIES ON THE PART OF THE FIRMS, HOWEVER,RATHER THAN AS A RESULT OFOBSTACLES IN THE UNITED STATES.IN ANY EVENT,THE EMBASSY HAS NO REPT NO RECORD OF ANY COMPLAINT FROM EITHER THE INDUSTRY OR THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT NON- TARIFF MEASURES INTERFERING WITH EXPORT OF CARS TO THE AMERICAN MARKET.

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2.THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY WERE,OF COURSE, CONCERNED AT THE TIME WITH POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF THE AUTOMOBILE DUMPING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE U.S TREASURY INTER ALIA AGAINST BELGIUM UNTIL IT WAS DISCONTINUED LAST YEAR.THERE IS ALSO CURRENT UNCERTAINTY OVER POSSIBLE TRADE EFFECTS OF THE CARTER ENERGY PROGRAM; WE ASSUME,HOWEVER,THAT THESE ELEMENTS ARE OUTSIDE THE

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SCOPE OF THE USITC SURVEY.

3.IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE THREE AUTO COMPANIES IN QUESTION HAVE ONLY PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN BELGIUM. THEIR EXECUTIVE HEADQUARTERS,WHICH WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO KNOW OF NTMS IN THE U.S.AND MORE LIKELY TO APPROACH THE USG ABOUT THEM,ARE ALL LOCATED ELSEWHERE.
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